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8 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive

SUBJECT: CIA Covert Activities in Time of War

1. Herewith are all copies of the memorandum to the Secretary of Defense about CIA covert activities in time of war with our draft of the new NSCID No. 5.
2. I assume you wish to talk to the Director about this and explain that they were drafted by OSO and General Counsel and that we recommend that they be sent out.
3. This also ties in with Recommendation No. 6 of the Atomic Energy Intelligence Report (DCI's memo of 28 June to the Executive Secretary, NSC and reply of 25 July from the Executive Secretary, NSC). You will recall that in that reply Mr. Johnson was quoted as stating "this coordination cannot, however, be effectuated without aggressive leadership on his part (DCI) and whole-hearted support by the heads of the continental agencies and principal intelligence units overseas."

PRESCOTT CHILDS, Chief  
Coordination, Operations  
and Policy Staff

## Attachments:

Letter to Secty. of Defense with  
new NSCID No. 5

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